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## NOT TOO MUCH ECONOMY.

We are heartily in favor of economy and low taxes as far as is commensurate with efficient government. But economy and low taxes can be made an evil instead of blessing, and a tax rate which will not provide enough revenue to furnish necessities, and an economy which deprives of sufficient facilities and officials, is a mistake that results only in evil. Cheap government, like everything else cheap, is a false economy, resulting in a dollar saved with innumerable dollars lost in the end and general dissatisfaction to the people. It is not in the smallness of the amount of cost, but in wise expenditure that gives most for the money that is real economy, and any system, however cheap, that does not give the people protection and comfort is unwise and will prove unsatisfactory. The American people, as a rule, willingly pay taxes, provided they get a fair return in the way of ample protection, good and clean streets, proper drainage, light, etc., that enable them to live in peace, comfort and safety. Wise economy that they will appreciate must give them those things without burdensome taxes, but a close-fisted, economic system, however low the tax, which does not give them those things, will prove disappointing.

The effort of the City Council to reduce the tax and abolish unnecessary expenditure will meet with approval, but the curtailing must not be carried to the extent of crippling the efficiency of the city government, but rather a margin must be allowed for extension of facilities.

The basis of comparison, too, is often misleading, owing to differences of conditions and circumstances. Louisville is different in many respects from other cities, and what seems ample for them may prove wholly inadequate here. Especially is this true in the matter of streets, sewers, police and fire departments. Our city, by reason of wide streets and large blocks, covers a larger territory, in proportion to population and taxable wealth, than any other in the country, and naturally her expenditures for those items must be proportionately larger. Again Louisville's only chance for growth is in the building up and occupancy of her suburbs, and any system of government which retards that growth is a drawback and loss to the city as a whole. Several years ago a large area was forced into the city boundary and subjected to city taxes, and since that time that area, instead of developing, has retrograded and values decreased until the purchase of suburban property and building has about stopped. The reason for this can be readily learned from any one living in the suburbs. The burden of city taxes, without any of the benefits of city conveniences, protection or advantages, and without these, being in the city limits, aside from the cost, is an evil rather than a benefit, since those localities, being deprived of the authority to provide self-protection, are wholly unprotected from roving evil characters because of lack of police; to dangers of fire because of distance, no streets and water, besides general inconveniences usual in suburbs. This must be remedied or the suburbs will not improve, the city will not grow, the value of taxable property will continue to decrease, and to remedy this will cost money for needed police and station houses, firemen, engines

and water, streets, crossings and lights. These needed additions can be had only by a saving in expenditures that more can be obtained for the money, or by increasing the receipts. A proper system that will develop the suburbs ought, by increasing taxable values, to yield this additional cost without increasing the tax rate, and the fact that it has not done so demonstrates that we have not managed affairs wisely—the chief fault being an effort to get along with too little expense, due to the desire to gratify the public with a low tax rate rather than efficient and progressive city government.

The City Council should consider this matter from a business standpoint, and not allow their desire for low taxes and economy to lead them into the wrong course that can only result disastrously to the city and in condemnation by people. Make the taxes as low as possible, of course; allow expenditures only for necessities, but no policy which means a curtailing of efficiency, a reduction of the police or fire departments, a discontinuance of extending streets, gas, water, light, or keeping the same clean and in repair, will suit the people, however low the tax rate may be.

Whatever the advocates of low taxes or political partisans may think or say about it, the people have no complaints to make about the efficiency, or management of the police or fire departments, and the recommendations of Chief Haager and Chief Hughes for increase of the forces and facilities of those departments meet with popular approval. Any reduction of the forces or curtailing of the facilities of those departments will be the more readily noted and most severely condemned.

Louisville needs more police and firemen, rather than less; in fact, has never had enough for the proper protection of life and property. That has always been among her greatest needs. Economy which leaves that need unsupplied will not satisfy the people, who are willing to pay the cost. Let us have economy in all things and as low a tax rate as possible; but none of that penny-wise, pound-foolish policy and low taxes that extort money from the people and does not give them the quid pro quo that they pay for. Taxation and economy, like other things, must be guided by common sense and honesty—not by fanaticism and demagoguery.

We are not an anti-corporation crank, and deprecate the demagogic clamor so commonly waged against them. Corporations have their rights and should be protected in their proper exercise. But corporations sometimes impose on the public, and when they do should be rebuked and required to do right. The Water Company requires prompt payment of water rates, which is right; it allows liberal discounts for cash in advance, which is just and a wise business method. But the Water Company does not provide ample clerks or facilities for the convenience and comfort of its patrons who call to pay water bills. Owing to this dereliction, people who call to pay their water bills are compelled to stand and wait for hours in the office until the small force of clerks examine, verify and pass up the bills to the one lone collector. This is neither just to the people nor creditable to the Water Company. The company can surely afford to provide better facilities and employ

sufficient clerks to promptly attend to its collections, with seats and comfort for its patrons, and not compel people to stand around in a motley crowd for hours when they call to pay their water rent.

The news from the Boer war is meager. The British are powerless, on the defensive, and Buller and Methuen have been forced to draw in more closely to keep out of range of the Boer guns and fortifications, which are being strengthened and extended. Gen. French is endeavoring to prevent the Boers from extending their lines southward from Colenso, and forced them to retire from Colesburg on Monday. Martial law and a large force are necessary to keep the Dutch of Cape Colony from revolt, but has failed to prevent the holding of meetings and organizing even in Cape Town. An uprising before the arrival of reinforcements would render the British situation desperate, since their armies would be surrounded and cut off from all communication and supplies, with imminent danger of slaughter or capture. This seems to be the Boer plan of campaign, with every prospect of success, unless it can be delayed until British reinforcements arrive.

Johnny Bull must crawl down. In his efforts to cut off supplies from the Boers he stops and searches vessels and seizes goods in neutral waters and on the high seas. A few weeks ago three vessels were boarded and with their cargoes confiscated in Delagoa bay. Part of the cargoes was shipped by American merchants from New York, who make complaint to our State Department, with the result that England has been notified that such acts can not be tolerated, which means that the goods must be released and satisfactory apology and indemnity given. Two German vessels were likewise intercepted in Delagoa bay, causing Germany to protest, and a German mail steamer was stopped, boarded and searched on the high seas, resulting in another protest and the ordering of a German war cruiser to Delagoa bay. Johnny Bull's disregard of neutrality and the rights of nations is likely to get him into very serious trouble.

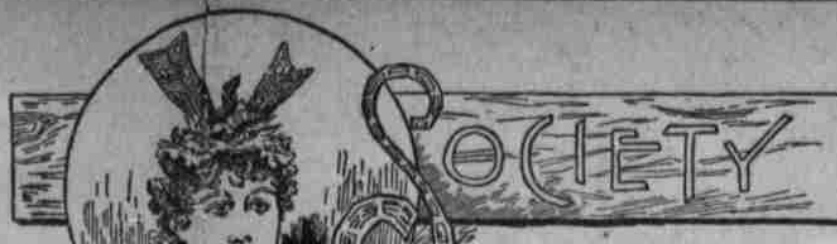
The Republican State officials, Senators and Representatives at Frankfort have signed a protest, condemning and repudiating the Louisville Commercial as the organ of the Republican party. The carpet-bag "peculiarly efficient" management of that sheet have made a sorry mess of their effort at showing the Louisville people how to run a newspaper and manage their public affairs. They are a gang of adventurers, with an unenviable record of wreck and failure, to say nothing worse. The public and the business men are on to them. They have no influence for good. The Republican party should have repudiated them long ago. Now let the local Republicans likewise disown the coterie, and refuse to give any city patronage to the Commercial, or to its excuse for an evening newspaper, the News. Let such birds move their roost.

The Canadians who went to South Africa started to Modder river last Monday, elated with enthusiasm at the opportunity to get at the Boers. They have not arrived at Modder river nor been heard of since. Evidently they got at the Boers.

The Boers seem to be happy and not the least selfish. In the bombardment of Ladysmith they fired empty shells labeled "A Merry Christmas," "Compliments of the Season," "Happy New Year."

President Gruber, Secretary Bland and Tom Drewry made the Bandana Club New Year's reception surpass any ever given by a political club in this city. Thousands called during the day and evening.

See before the new year gets very old that you forward your subscription to the Kentucky Irish American.



## GREETING

TO MISS ELVIRA SYDNOR MILLER. I sent you a compliment in such a flash That you said your usual good pen went smash;

But why do you write such subtle meter In this most horrid of wintry weather?

You know quite well that every reader Looks fore and aft to scan the "Tattler;" There's no mistaking the reason why—The other columns are somewhat dry.

Were't not for your sweet balms and cedars The Louisville Times would have few readers;

The Britons are lauded as our "dear cousins;" Merely to please a few half-dozen.

Goebel and Taylor, the L. and N., Whallen and Weaver, the Aldermen—We're bored to death with all its nonsense, But to your bright column we waft our incense.

It carries one off to the higher spheres—To the glowing domain of prophets, seers; So do not tell me your head goes whizz Because of that gentlest, faintest buzz.

Kindly speech and generous smile Will many the ills of life beguile; A dulcet voice and heart that's true Pain and rancor will oft undo.

Here's to the singer of sunny love—To the verse which of melody has full store, To the face that is radiant with glad smile, Whatever the pain of the heart mean-while.

Items for this column must be sent in Thursday.

W. S. Dehoney, of Frankfort, was a visitor here this week.

Mr. Will McAtee spent New Year's with relatives at St. Mary's.

Miss Catherine McAtee spent New Year's as the guest of Miss Nettie Logsdon at St. Mary's.

Miss Mary Shannon returned this week from Shelbyville, where she had been visiting her brother.

Miss Verona Mattingly, who has been the charming guest of Miss Louise Russell has returned home.

Miss Nellie Lillis, of Frankfort, is the guest of Miss Nora McAuliffe at her home in Jeffersonville.

Thomas Shannon was among the Lexingtonians who spent several days with friends in this city this week.

Miss Julia Monahan, one of Nashville's society favorites, has been spending the week with Miss Mamie Burnett.

The Misses Brinley have returned from Simpsonville, where they were the holiday guests of Miss Anna Crosby.

Miss Frankie Lynch has returned home, after spending the holidays with Miss Helen Drosta in Jeffersonville.

Miss Margaret McGrath has returned to her home in Jeffersonville, after a delightful visit with friends in Lafayette.

Miss Susie Miller, Zane street, who has been the guest of Mrs. William Patterson during the holidays, has returned home.

John D. Callahan has just returned from Kokomo, Ind., where he has been visiting relatives since the Christmas holidays.

Capt. Joe Breen's friends throughout the city will be pleased to learn that he has entirely recovered from his late very serious illness.

Mrs. Edward Drescher (nee Hutchison), of St. Louis, has been here visiting friends and relatives in Clifton for the past two weeks.

John Quilligan and wife have returned from a pleasant visit to Trenton, N. J., where they spent the holidays with their son John, formerly of Clifton.

Patrick Kennedy, who in November sustained the accidental fracture of a rib, was this week able to resume his position with the Louisville Cement Company.

Pat O'Loughlin's friends are congratulating him on the clear field he has now in regard to a young lady's affections. Pat has a knack of frightening rivals away.

Bob Scott's friends in Clifton say he is looking for a "hair cut." They regret his failure to come across the Clifton bear before its death at the hands of Albert Ruhl.

Miss Minnie Murray has returned to her home in Clifton, after spending the holidays with friends in Charlestown, Ind., where she was the recipient of marked social attention.

The condition of John McGrath, the well-known jail turkey, who has been seriously ill for the last several weeks, still remains unchanged, although his friends expect a turn for the better at any time.

One of the most enjoyable affairs of the past week was the reception given by George Patterson to a number of his lady and gentleman friends Thursday

evening at his home, 2705 West Main street.

Mrs. Mariana L. Moore left for Howard, Ky., this morning, after spending the holidays with relatives. Mrs. Moore is the eldest daughter of "Judge" Lynch, of 2443 West Chestnut street.

James Coleman, who has been ill at his home on Twentieth street since Christmas, is now able to be out. The Hibernalians of this city, with whom he is very popular, will be glad to read that he will return to his duties Monday.

The E. W. E. Club surprised Mr. and Mrs. Walter Grimes, 1910 Portland Avenue, with a euchre Tuesday evening. The host and hostess, though taken unawares, served an excellent luncheon and the affair was one of the most delightful yet given by the club.

The many friends of Miss Maggie Murphy, who has been ill for the past month at the home of Mrs. Con Ford, Twelfth and Oak, will rejoice to learn that her condition has undergone a change for the better and her physicians now predict her speedy recovery.

The euchre announced by Trinity Council for February 11 promises to be a most enjoyable affair. The presents will be exceedingly handsome, and as the proceeds are to be devoted to a charitable purpose there will no doubt be a large attendance, embracing the leading society people of the East End.

The rites of matrimony will be solemnized between Mr. Tim Stone and Miss Carrie Walton at St. John's church January 15, Rev. Father Bax officiating. The bride is a popular young lady in East End circles, while the groom is a well-known and handsome patrolman of the Sixth police district. Mike Hogan and Dan McAuliffe, brother officers of the groom, will act as ushers on the occasion.

One of the most enjoyable watch meetings of the year was that held New Year's eve at the home of Miss Nelly Kenney on Frankfort avenue, Clifton. Among those present were Misses Joe Kelly, Nettie and Hetty Donahue, Rosa Shea, Katie and Minnie Murray, Molly Keiran, Anna, Julia and Maggie Ford, Mrs. E. Murray and Mrs. Edward Drescher, of St. Louis. At its close the entire party attended the midnight mass at the church of St. Francis of Rome.

One of the most enjoyable events of the holiday season was the domino party given New Year's eve from 8 to 11 o'clock by little Miss Kathleen Cunningham and Master Theodore Barnett at the residence of their grandfather, Judge Andrew Barnett, on New Broadway and Highland avenue. Over a hundred of the future belles and beaux of the city were in attendance in all sorts of quaint costumes. After unmasking there was dancing and refreshments.

The marriage of Miss Blanche Elliott, the handsome and accomplished daughter of William Elliott, the well-known Jeffersonville contractor, and Charles Williams, the popular Pennsylvania railroad operator at Franklin, Ind., was solemnized at St. Augustine's church last Sunday evening, Rev. Father Cronin uniting the happy pair. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride, after which they left for Franklin, where they will make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mullane entertained some of their friends with a euchre and dance at their residence, 1241 Fifteenth street, New Year's eve. Those present were Misses Mamie Mullane, Sallie Peale, Katie Flaherty, Lily O. Waive, Ellen Proctor, Belle Fish and Lily Halligan, Messrs. Walter Proctor, Ed Hogg, Gilbert Croder, Ed Barber, John Barry, George Zoeller, Mr. and Mrs. John Brennan, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Proctor. At midnight they all dispersed to attend midnight mass.

## NEW YEAR'S WISH.

What shall I wish thee?  
What can be found  
Bringing the sunshine  
All the year round?  
Where is the treasure,  
Lasting and clear,  
That shall insure thee  
A happy New Year?

Faith that increaseth,  
Walking in light;  
Hope that aboundeth,  
Happy and bright;  
Love that is perfect,  
Casting out fear—  
These shall insure thee  
A happy New Year.

Peace in the Saviour,  
Rest at his feet,  
Smile of His countenance,  
Radiant and sweet;  
Joy in His presence,  
Christ ever near!  
This will insure thee  
A happy New Year.

## IRISH INVENTOR DEAD.

Press dispatches announce the death at his home in Monroe county, N. Y., of James H. Kelly, which occurred Tuesday. The deceased was one of the old school of Irishmen, sober and industrious, and attained the advanced age of eighty-two years. He was well known as the inventor of the modern headlight used on the locomotives, and it had been the boast of his life that he had illuminated the whole railway world. The crowning achievement he considered to be the placing of his headlights on a railroad in the Holy Land.

Roast beef that is not well done is a rare thing.

## SCHEME!

Charges Brought Against Col. Whallen Only to Intimidate Legislators.

Officiousness of Frankfort's Petty Officers Fully Exposed.

Harrel Has Besmirched Himself and Deserves Impeachment.

## WILL DEMAND SPEEDY TRIAL

In the Democratic Senatorial caucus at Frankfort Monday night Senator Harrel, of Logan county, sprung a sensation (?), told how he had been bribed by Col. John H. Whallen to remain out of the Democratic caucus and oppose Goebel, and giving up two keys to a box in the vault of the Louisville Trust, stated he had there received the money and it was in that vault. Shortly afterward Harrel swore out a warrant in Frankfort charging Whallen with bribery. The Courier-Journal, with flaming head-lines, exaggerated and misrepresented the incident to such an extent as to display fully its animus. It stated that Whallen had fled from Frankfort and was in hiding, that officers were searching for him, etc. The facts so far as developed do not warrant the charge against Col. Whallen, but show that Harrel was willing to be bribed, and brand the Courier-Journal's statements as to Whallen's conduct as absolutely false. It is also shown that the officials at Frankfort are pliant tools with an utter disregard for law, as evidenced by their arbitrary conduct.

Col. Whallen was in Frankfort on Monday and left for Louisville on the evening train, as was well known there. He knew nothing of Harrel's charge and the warrant till told by newspaper reporters that a dispatch to that effect had been received. Col. Whallen at once telegraphed to the Commonwealth's Attorney at Frankfort inquiring about it, saying he would come to Frankfort at once if wanted. To this he received no positive reply, nor was any notice sent to officers here to arrest him. He went to Frankfort Tuesday morning, and though about the city for some time, meeting policemen and officials, no one offered to arrest him. He went to the Sheriff's office and surrendered. Then the scheme to put him in jail was clearly exposed. The law fixes the bond in such cases at \$200 to \$500, but a \$10,000 bond was demanded, presumably under the impression that he could not furnish it promptly in Frankfort, but it was given at once and Col. Whallen released to appear in a Magistrate's court next day.

Another piece of arbitrary officiousness of the Frankfort petty officers was balked by the good sense of Sheriff Bell, President Loving and Superintendent Speed, of the Louisville Trust Company, were summoned Tuesday afternoon to appear at 5 o'clock as witnesses in the case before the Franklin county grand jury. The summons served too late for them to take the train, and the Frankfort Sheriff telegraphed Sheriff Bell to arrest and bring those gentlemen to Frankfort. He deferred doing so, and the gentlemen went to Frankfort Wednesday morning.

When Col. Whallen appeared in court at Frankfort Wednesday his attorney moved the dismissal of the case on the ground that the offense was charged to have occurred in Jefferson county, and the Frankfort court had no jurisdiction. This was overruled. He then demanded a trial, but the court held that as the grand jury was investigating the case the hearing must be postponed. Col. Whallen waived examination, and the court released him on the bond given Tuesday, which being now null and void, Col. Whallen walked out of court free to go where he pleased.

Messrs. Loving and Speed, with the vault box, sealed and under guard of Frankfort officers, went before the Franklin grand jury Thursday. Up to Friday no indictment has been returned, but if he is indicted Col. Whallen will insist upon an immediate trial. The indications, however, are that he will not get it. The scheme is clearly to intimidate legislators and blind the people by such sensational (?) charges, and defer the trial till the political game is finished. Harrel has besmirched himself. Whallen is virtually acquitted unless indicted, and then he must be convicted.

## PRETTY LADY MEMBER.

Branch 14, Catholic Knights of America, of St. Cecilia's parish, will tomorrow initiate Miss Mary Louise Packler, a pretty and popular West End young lady, and will have the distinction of being the first branch in Kentucky to secure a lady member. Supreme Trustee William C. Smith is expected to be present, and a cordial invitation is extended to members of other branches to be present. Officers will also be installed as follows: President—John Kerberg. Vice President—C. N. Jacques. Recording Secretary—L. M. Hamel. Financial Secretary—C. J. Packler. Treasurer—John Packler. Sentinel—Edward Kilkenny. Sergeant-at-arms—Thomas Nohaly. Trustees—Michael King, John Scofield and A. A. Ritchie.

## SPECIAL MEETING.

There will be an important special meeting of Central Labor Union at Beck's Hall, when final arrangements will be made for the lecture in this city by Eugene V. Debs. Already the sale of tickets indicate a tremendous turn-out to hear this incomparable labor orator.

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